



U.S. Department of State & Environmental Protection Agency International Air Quality Monitoring Program

Air pollution is a serious and growing threat worldwide, yet in many areas, air quality data is unavailable. The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are collaborating on a program with U.S. diplomatic missions to ensure U.S. citizens and government personnel overseas have sufficient data to make informed health decisions while enhancing the availability of ambient air quality data and expertise around the world.

The EPA's AirNow system helps Americans tell how clean or polluted their outdoor air is, along with associated health effects that may be of concern. Adding to this system, the Department of State plans to place air quality monitors at its posts around the world and share this data with AirNow. This effort will provide U.S. citizens and government personnel around the world with a better understanding of their health risks and offers an opportunity for the U.S. to create partnerships on air quality with other nations.

In America, state and local officials have considerable experience in developing and implementing programs to monitor, improve, and meet air quality standards. Focused on sharing this expertise globally, the State Department and EPA will send state and local technical experts to U.S. diplomatic missions to help transfer skills and build capacity for air quality monitoring data analysis and maintenance overseas. These visits will also include the opportunity for training and exchanges with the host governments and other participants.

To learn more about the program - contact Sustainability@state.gov



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